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Construction

1. No new construction work has been observed at the Belgrade-Zemun airfield since 1947.

Runway

2. The field is divided into almost equal portions by a concrete northeast-southwest runway which is approximately 1,500 meters long and 35 to 40 meters wide.

Buildings

3. Two permanent hangars, each approximately 100 to 50 x 15 meters with a vaulted roof, are located west of the runway.
4. Approximately 12 low wooden billeting buildings, each about 40 x 15 meters, are located close to the western border of the field. Flying and ground personnel are billeted here. Some of the officers stationed at the field are billeted in Bezanija.
5. Two permanent three story buildings, about 30 x 13 meters, and a small guardhouse, are located at the main gate of the installation.
6. A sketch of the field is attached.

Personnel

7. There are approximately 800 to 1,000 air force soldiers stationed at the field. These men are from 20 to 25 years old.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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8. The personnel wear light blue, single-breasted blouses, with open collars and trousers or breeches. They also wear blue-grey shirts and black ties. One to four silver wings are worn on the collars to signify rank. Epaullets worn by enlisted men and noncommissioned officers are light blue without insignia. Officers wear gold wings on their collars and silver or gold stars on gold epaullets.
9. Grades are indicated by red bars and chevrons on the sleeves. Corporals wear bars and noncommissioned officers above the grade of corporal wear chevrons. Red stars are worn on the caps. The service caps have black chin straps.

Activity

10. About 30 single engine planes and from 10 to 12 three engine plans are based at the field. In addition, 8 to 10 single seated and double seated biplanes and a small low wing monoplane are parked west of the runway.
11. The biplanes and the slow monoplane are seldom flown, and never in formation. The single engine planes are flown individually and in formations of as many as 25.
12. Firing exercises, using air sleeves as targets, are continually conducted.
13. At night, aircraft have been observed flying towards Belgrade at a high altitude in the beams of as many as 10 searchlights.
14. The three engine planes are usually flown individually, apparently engaged in school flying¹.
15. Two or three times a month, however, five to ten three-engine planes are used for parachuting exercises. Groups of 25 to 30 parachutists jump at an altitude of from 500 to 1,000 meters. The parachutists always land at the field. They seldom carry rifles, field equipment or steel helmets.
16. No jet planes have been observed at the field.

1. Comment: A pilot school, a fighter school, possibly a fighter unit, and a parachute training battalion are stationed at the field.

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 Comment: another report on the Belgrade-Zemun field, in general agrees with this report. It contains some conflicting information, however.

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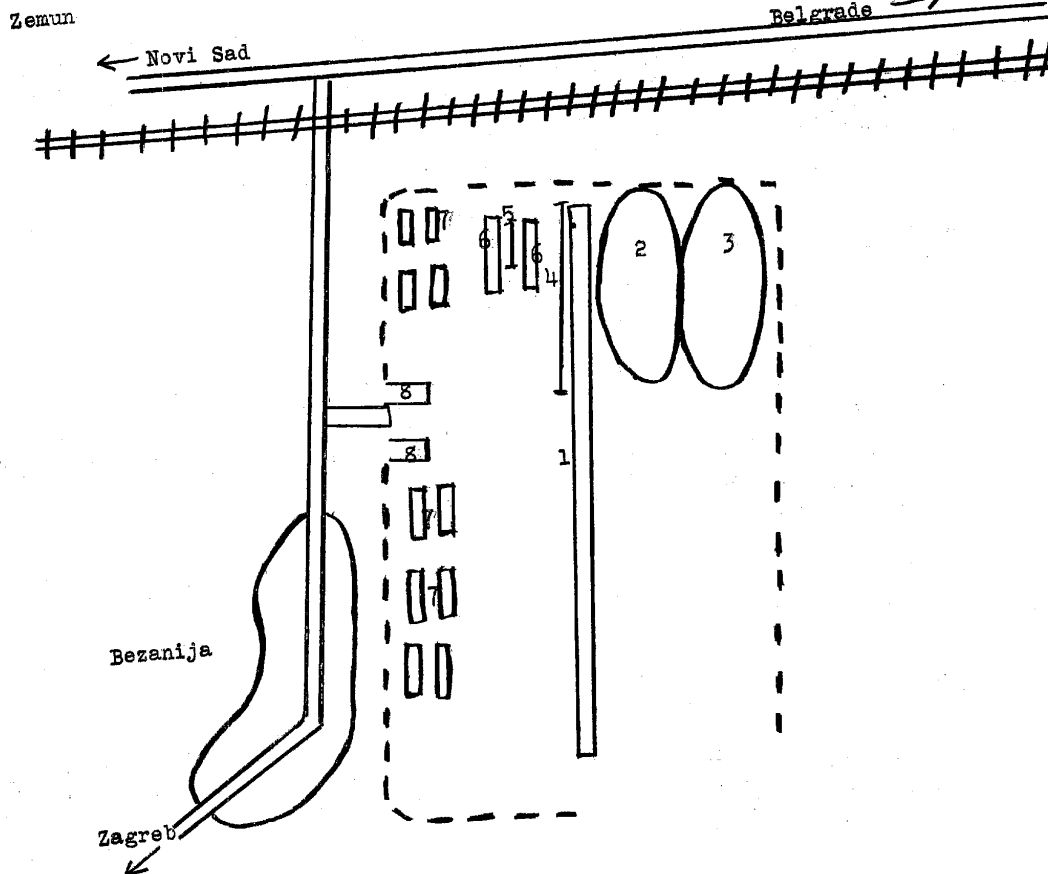
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Belgrade-Zemun Airfield

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Legend

1. Runway
2. Single engine planes
3. Three engine planes
4. Eight to ten aircraft of obsolescent types
5. Six planes
6. Repair hangars
7. Low wooden buildings
8. Three story buildings

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